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Ellen Wheatley
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Dear Ms. Wheatley:

This letter describes the Gila River Indian Community Early Education Child Care Program's approach in creating a plan to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

The Tribal Lead Agency (TLA), Gila River Indian Community Tribal Education Department, has not yet determined how CCDF CRRSA funds will be spent. Our timeline for deciding how funds will be spent is as follows:

February 25 – March 5, 2021 - The TLA will review the CRRSA funds program instruction and request any guidance needed.

March 8 – 19, 2021 – The TLA will identify ways to utilize funds based on the four components identified in the CRRSA Funds Program Instruction. Additional guidance from the Office of Child Care will support the TLA in finalizing their plan to spend the CRRSA funding.

March 26, 2021 – Plan Completion Date

The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Education Department will amend our CCDF plan as a result of any activities implemented under CRRSA funding that are not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,
/s/

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